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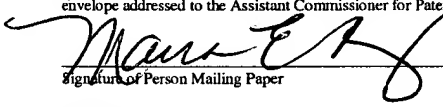
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 20, 2003, Paper No. 5, and Examiner's comments with regard thereto, please enter the following amendments in the above-entitled application, without prejudice or disclaimer.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for accessing a radio communication system having a plurality of radios, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) separating the plurality of radios into two or more groups;
 - (b) gathering a communication connection statistic on the plurality of radios; and